

Claims:-

1. A television system including at least a display screen (2), said television system receiving video, audio and/or auxiliary data via a broadcast data receiver from a broadcaster at a remote location and said data being used to generate an EPG for display on the display screen (2), the EPG comprising a series of selectable screen displays selected to be displayed on the display screen and characterised in that the format of at least one of said EPG screen displays can be generated in one of a number of selectable formats, said display formats selectable by the user using control means which allow interaction with the system.
2. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that the pre-determined formats are selectable from the EPG display screen.
3. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that the control means is a remote control handset.
4. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that the number of selectable formats are stored in memory of the broadcast data receiver.
5. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that the number of selectable formats are sent from the broadcaster to the broadcast data receiver at pre-determined time intervals.
6. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that when one of the number of selectable formats is selected by the user, the format is maintained for the EPG display until the user selects a different selectable format.

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7. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that when one of the number of selectable formats is selected by the user, the EPG reverts to a default format when the television system is switched off and then on.
8. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that a user selected format is stored in the television system as a default format, the EPG reverting to the saved default format when the television system is switched off and then on.
9. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that a preview setting is provided on the EPG to enable a user to view a format prior to selection of the format.
10. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that the number of selectable EPG formats include any or any combination of displaying the EPG in different sizes and/or arrangements, different languages, different font sizes, different coloured text, different coloured backgrounds and/or different shaped operation keys.
11. A television system according to claim 1 characterised in that operational keys on the remote control and/or on the television system are provided in specific shapes and/or colours corresponding to specific shaped and/or coloured keys or buttons in one or more of the selectable EPG formats, each allocated to a pre-defined operation on the displayed format, such that one or more of the pre-defined operations are initiated via the EPG by selecting the appropriate one or more specified shaped and/or coloured keys on the remote control and/or on the television system.